

forward. The three weeks following interest and attendance were very good. Brother Miller's sermons which were preached with fervor had in them many thoughts for those who professed and those who have never considered the ransom paid for their souls. There were eleven applicants for membership. We have every reason to believe that the people of whom Brother Miller is the spiritual leader should greatly appreciate his services. May the Lord continue to bless his efforts and strengthen him that he may be a yet greater power for good.

The following item from a Johnstown daily paper is evidence of the very excellent work Brother Haskins has been doing in that city and the favor in which he stands with his people: At the February quarterly congregational meeting of the Somerset Street Brethren church, held last evening, it was unanimously decided to extend a call to pastor E. E. Haskins for his eighth year of service of the charge. In addition, it was decided to add \$100 to his salary per annum. The congregation's action will be pleasing to a large number of citizens besides the worthy pastor who is directly interested. The Rev. Mr. Haskins came to the Somerset Street church from Ashland O., in 1894 having been admitted to the ministry about five years before. He has been re-elected seven times and his relations with his flock and the citizens generally are exemplary. Modest, not assuming to be a drastic reformer in the pulpit, all the time quietly and faithfully ministering to his charge, Pastor Haskins has proved himself a worthy man in a noble calling. The Somerset Street church will elect officers and receive the annual report at the quarterly meeting held in May. The congregation is thriving in a way which reflects credit on the pastor.

The financial report by Brother Parsons of the Washington City church is interesting for more than one reason. In the first place the brotherhood is interested in the success of the work at that place and the whole church will be pleased to learn of what is being done in that city. Then too it furnishes a splendid lesson in the business part of our church work. Evidently our Washington people are among the few congregations of the brotherhood who have learned that the business of the church should be carried on something like other business. Why not? There is a business side to our religion or there ought to be, and we are glad to note that the Washington people have learned this lesson. But then we have a right to expect our church at Washington to set an example in this matter; they are at headquarters of the government where "Uncle Sam" does business and where ledger accounts must balance to the cent. We most heartily commend this business like method of the Washington City church to the entire brotherhood, and trust that others will follow the example. Brother Parsons prepared the report for publication, and suffice it to say that it was neat enough to pass into the hands of government officials for inspection. This affords the opportunity to say that many people seem to have no regard whatever for neatness and accuracy in the preparation of manuscript for publication in the EVANGELIST. They do not know that from the general appearance of their manuscript, the care, exactness and neatness of which it gives evidence, the compositors who put the thoughts of the writer in "cold type", judge of their methods of work in the congregation, their manner of living in the home and the way in which they do things generally. Your manuscript may easily "give away" give private as

well as public life. Be careful, and again we say, be careful.

Brethren E. E. Haskins and D. J. Bole exchanged pulpits last Sabbath, the former preaching in Pittsburg, and the latter in Johnstown. Thru one of the students (Brother Goghneur of Johnstown) it was made known that Brother Haskins would visit Ashland before his return to Johnstown. Without his knowledge Brother Miller made an appointment for preaching in the College chapel Monday night where a large audience gathered to hear one who was the former pastor of this church and who left, when he went away from this place almost eight years ago, a host of friends. The students too who had never heard Brother Haskins preach regarded it as a special favor to listen to one of the most successful pastors and preachers in the Brethren church. The subject of his discourse was "Christian Positivism." The reader may remember that a few weeks ago there appeared under the head of "Pulpit Echoes" in the EVANGELIST, an "echo" from a sermon by Brother Haskins on this same subject. It was a great pleasure to listen, not to the "echo" this time, but to the man who prepared the sermon. It was a magnificent effort and greatly pleased the entire audience. Christianity, he said, is a certainty. It is founded, not on an uncertainty, not on a myth, but on a person, a historical person, a person who is a fact in history and whose power and influence in the world, the transformation he has wrought in millions of human lives, are his very best credentials. The keynote of the sermon was, *We know*. The speaker has the happy faculty of making himself felt; he drives the truth home; his message carries conviction into every heart that is not absolutely steeled against the truth. The sermon in itself a great one was delivered with a fervor that added much to the living message which he brought. His wide experience in soul saving and in Christian work generally, his intense earnestness and warm if not fiery enthusiasm, his implicit faith and trust in God and his promises, together with the native ability with which God has endowed him and which he has not failed to develop, combine to make Brother Haskins a most entertaining speaker. He thoroughly believes the message which he brings to his people; no one can hear him without the conviction that his message carries with it a part of himself, his own personality. He *is* his message.

At the close of the services Brother Miller announced that on Tuesday morning the chapel hour from nine to ten would be given to Brother Haskins. It was an hour well spent, for it is not often that young men and women have the opportunity to come in touch with one who has had such a wide and rich experience in his religious work as Brother Haskins has had. Tho he has been successful with men and women he bends his efforts largely to the salvation of men. His motto seems to be, "Win the men." To this work he has consecrated his life and is meeting with marvelous success. Out of the depths of his great heart and from his wide and varied experience he spoke to the young men and women, impressing upon them the duties and the obligations which the age has laid upon them, and that these duties and obligations can be discharged only by implicitly trusting in God. The whole student body was stirred and moved in their hearts as the earnest words fell from the lips of this consecrated man, and his presence here will long be remembered, probably by some, (who can say) as turning points in their lives. It does us good, all of us, to come in touch with men who by reason of their

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Little deeds of kindness are, after all, what make life lovely and develop the flowers of affection and sympathy. It would be a dreary world with nothing but mountains in it, and a dreary life with nothing but heroic action springing from it.—Edward Wheeler.

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